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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON U.S. AUTO INDUSTRY

1. EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE VICTORIAN CHAMBER OF MANUFACTURERS, A LARGE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, HAS REQUESTED INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO U.S. AUTO INDUSTRY.

2. ACCORDING TO OFFICER, ARTICLE HAS APPEARED IN LOCAL PRESS STATING THAT U.S. AUTO INDUSTRY WOULD ADOPT METRIC STANDARDS FOR NEW CARS BEGINNING WITH 1979 MODEL YEAR. MELBOURNE-BASED MANUFACTURING SUBSIDIARIES OF GM AND FORD UNABLE TO CONFIRM THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ARTICLE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: POST WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT CONTACTING U.S. AUTO MAKERS TO OBTAIN THEIR METRICATION PLANS.

4. FYI: WHILE AUSTRALIA CURRENTLY PROGRESSING WELL TOWARDS COMPLETELY METRIC MEASUREMENT IN MANY AREAS, WE UNDERSTAND THAT VERY FEW COMPONENTS OF AUTOS PRODUCED BY U.S. MANUFACTURING SUBSIDIARIES HERE ARE TO METRIC STANDARDS AT THIS TIME. COMPONENT PARTS OF AUTOS MANUFACTURED BY LOCAL JAPANESE SUBSIDIARIES, HOWEVER, UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTAIN HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF SUCH METRIC STANDARD PARTS.
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